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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 18, 2001, from October 18, 2001 to December 18, 2001.

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